

SENATE RESOLUTION 115
By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend teacher advisors Helen Mahaffy and Teresa Luna and the Jackson Central-Merry High School Academic Decathlon team on winning the state championship.

WHEREAS, the academic accomplishments of our exemplary young persons often do not receive the attention they deserve; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly were pleased to learn that the Jackson Central-Merry High School Academic Decathlon team won the prestigious state championship, held at Austin Peay State University on March 27 and 28, 1998, despite strong competition; and

WHEREAS, the rigorous state competition included written tests in all areas of curriculum and an oral super quiz on global economics; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team and ten others first competed in the Regional Academic Decathlon competition held on February 21, 1998, in Brownsville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson-Madison County system had three teams in the regional competition, with Jackson Central-Merry and North Side advancing to the state; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson Central-Merry squad have worked hard; they have devoted a great deal of time to this competition by practicing after school and on weekends; and

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WHEREAS, the team has been very fortunate to have the services of two dedicated teacher advisors, Helen Mahaffy and Teresa Luna, who have worked countless hours to fine-tune the natural intelligence and academic prowess of the team's members into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exceptional team were: Erik Bachman, Trevor Brittingham, Levon Camp, Lance Davidson, Nick Gaskill, Brandy Gatlin, Carrrie Hatter, Amanda Leigh, and Buddy Morrison; the alternates were: Candace Knox, Katie Garrety, and Harrison Hodge; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this exemplary team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend teacher advisors Helen Mahaffy and Teresa Luna and the Jackson Central-Merry High School Academic Decathlon team on winning the state championship and wish them well at the national competition, to be held April 23-26, 1998 in Providence, Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.